

LOCAL ITEMS

About Our Town and Its People

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sayles were at McBride Sunday.

Thanksgiving at Empress, matinee at 2:30 and evening.

Mrs. Lucinda Kunker is visiting relatives at Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Fred Boyer entertained Mrs. Sovereign and Mrs. Emma Wright on Sunday.

Turkey dinner at the City Restaurant, 50 cents.—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston left Saturday to spend Thanksgiving at Edmore.

Mrs. Maggie Welch is seriously ill with flu.

Mrs. Geo. King was a Monday caller on Mrs. Frank Welch.

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Raymond Irish is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bush are able to be out after a week's illness.

Walter Salyer received a telephone message that his mother was not expected to live. She was visiting relatives at Greenville and was taken ill with the flu.

J. W. Stahl is here from Wagner, Mont., called by the severe illness of his mother. He arrived the same day she passed away.

Julian Eltinge in "The Clever Mrs. Carfax," Thanksgiving at Empress, matinee at 2:30 and evening at 7:30.

Mrs. Jose McConnell and Mrs. Ben McMahon returned Monday from Cedar Springs, where they had been visiting their uncle, Lefe McConnell, and helping the latter celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary last Saturday.

Mr. McConnell is one of the pioneers of the Cedar Springs section.

Mr. Evangeline Lortie and daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Coyt, of Battle Creek, former residents of this city, were the Monday and Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Thomas and other friends here. They returned to their home in Battle Creek Tuesday at noon.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Alton Raymond, 116 E. Ellis avenue, on Sunday, Nov. 24, an eight pound son who will hereafter answer to the name of Richard John Raymond. Dr. Dutt reports both mother and son as prospering nicely.

Wing Crankshaw went to Muskegon Monday on a business trip.

Charles Groom, who has a railroad position at Alma, returned there on Monday after having spent Sunday at the home of his family here.

Bruce Fales of Lowell was in the city Monday, meeting old time friends and attending to some business.

George H. Engmann of Muskegon arrived in the city Tuesday evening for an over Thanksgiving visit at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lena Engmann and with his brothers and other relatives here.

Mrs. Will Ward is slowly recovering from a rather serious attack of sciatic rheumatism and is so that she is able to be around again somewhat.

The Belding Boy Scouts went over to Portland, Saturday and played the Portland Scouts a game of football and were beaten to the tune of 24 to 0. Watch our Scouts' record in the next game which will follow shortly.

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Mrs. C. H. Bailey returned home Monday after a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Cecily of Fairport, Minn.

Mrs. D. L. Canfield of Traverse City returned home Tuesday after visiting Mrs. Levi Bussell.

Mrs. P. R. Norton was in Grand Rapids Tuesday on business.

Mrs. C. F. Griswold of Lansing returned to her home Tuesday after visiting her mother, Mrs. Foss.

Mrs. Hattie Green and granddaughter, Hattie Dele, left for Grand Rapids Tuesday morning to visit with friends.

Pvt. Marshall King of Camp Custer was home Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed King.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay G. Ford left on Monday for Stanton to visit his parents.

This is pneumonia weather, and Wortley & French, the druggists, are having a large sale on Rheuma, the one remedy for this disease sold on a guarantee of money back if it fails. Start using it today.—Adv.

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SUGAR SHOWED OUR BACKBONE

American Willingness to Give Up Luxury Demonstrated Nation's War Conscience.

STAND WITH THE ALLIES.

By Reducing Consumption People of the United States Averted a Famine at Home in Spite of Low Supplies.

The fact that the people of the United States were able to reduce by more than one-half million tons their July, August, September and October consumption of sugar proves conclusively that their war conscience was thoroughly awakened and that the country as a whole stood ready to follow the injunctions of the Government.

Our normal consumption of sugar in the four-month period beginning with July has been 400,000 tons per month, a total of 1,600,000 for the quarter year.

In July, when our sugar stringency began to reach its height, consumption was reduced to 260,000 tons. In August only 325,000 tons went into distribution and in September only 270,000 tons. In October the distribution fell to 230,000 tons.

If the general public had failed to observe the injunctions of the Food Administration this country would have been in the throes of a sugar famine before the end of August. Our visible supplies were so low as to bring great anxiety to those familiar with the sugar situation. They feared that it would be absolutely impossible to reduce consumption to a point where sugar would no longer be a mere luxury in the American diet.

Few accomplishments of the Food Administration will stand forth so predominantly as this reduced consumption of sugar. By it we have been able to bridge over the period of stringency until the new beet and Louisiana cane sugar crops were in sight.

Now the nation is in a position so that if we choose we may return to our normal home use of sugar, and Europe, with the release of ships to go far afield, can maintain its recent restricted rations. If, however, those nations are to increase their use of sugar very considerably it must be by our continued sharing with them through limiting our own consumption.

Our exports since a country entered the war have justified a statement made by the Food Administration shortly after its conception, outlining the principles and policies that would govern the solution of this country's food problems.

"The whole foundation of democracy," declared the Food Administration, "lies in the individual initiative of its people and their willingness to serve the interests of the nation with complete self-effacement in the time of emergency. Democracy can yield to discipline, and we can solve this food problem for our own people and for the Allies in this way. To have done so will have been a greater service than our immediate objective, for we have demonstrated the righteousness of our faith and our ability to defend ourselves without being Prussianized."

LONG LAKE

Charles Stein and Clarence Keynolds spent a week in Linget longer cottage.

Ben Hall and son Ray returned on Tuesday from Freeport after spending about six weeks on the fruit farm.

Grandpa Lambertson is spending a couple of days at the lake.

Charles Hamblin and mother motored up from Saranac Sunday to see John Hamblin and family who have been ill the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cowan and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Marshall were up to their cottages last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Morse have had as their guests the past week Mrs. Morse's sister, Mrs. G. H. Boyd of Laingsburg, Parker Morse and family and Lindley Morse of Saginaw.

Mrs. J. E. Dodson and daughters, Marie and Ruth, Miss Elizabeth Sentag and Bob Pretzel spent Saturday in Ionia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dodson were in Belding Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hall of Chadwick spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burger were in Ionia Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buck spent Monday afternoon in their cottages.

Mrs. Phebe McConnell of Belding spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Miles Merriett.

The newspapers will seem queer without war news and with nothing to put a 96-point headline onto but a fire in the coal sheds.

MURRAY LAKE

Moseley has about 15 cases of flu. Dr. Penton of Smyrna is attending them.

James Ford, who is in the navy, is home on a furlough and is also recovering from flu.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Weeks left for Long Beach, Fla., Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lewis spent Sunday at Don Marion's.

Mrs. David Garfield of Traverse City is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Pete Peterson.

Mrs. D. A. Church was in Grand Rapids Friday to visit her daughter at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Pickens of Remus called on Moseley friends Sunday.

Will Engle and wife were in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Miss Matilda Davis spent Saturday with her uncle, Homer Andrews.

Miss Gertie Potruff is home from Ann Arbor for a few weeks' visit.

Lewis Potruff and family and Mr. Gageby and family have moved from Moseley.

John and Helen Andrews and Mrs. Will Engle spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ford of South Vergennes.

Some people think they have solved the cost of living question by taxing 95 per cent of the people to pay for wage advances for the other five per cent.

Now that wheat substitutes are no longer required what are they going to do with all the pine shavings and worn out door mats?

"I Love My Country, But To Hell With The Washings"



HELP YOUR COUNTRY BY BUYING BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAPER.

The above cartoon was sent home from the cantonment where he is stationed by Howard Shannon, well known local boy and a son of Mrs. Kate Shannon, of the North side. Howard had some reputation as a cartoonist before he left here for the west and evidently has kept up his work even through his spare time, when not on duty, drilling, etc., or doing up the army washings, as his picture above shows him engaged.

ASHLEY

The Ladies' aid will have a chicken pie dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Slayton on the State road Friday at noon, Dec. 13. Everyone urged to come and have a good time.

The results of the Christian enlistment were very gratifying here. The committee did their work well and reached over 150 persons and report a splendid interest excepting in a very few places.

Our school district, No. 6, with Mr. Ellis as chairman in the War Work fund, turned in \$212 in cash and pledges to Mr. Brooks for our share. Everyone in the district gave for this good work.

Come to church Sunday. Morning service at 10:30; evening B. Y. P. U. at 7:30. Topic, "All for Christ. Our Pleasures." Come prepared to join in open discussion the subject, "The best time I ever had." (Tell what it was.)

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Longstreet and Mr. and Mrs. Howard McArthur made a trip to Grand Rapids last week.

Mrs. S. Brown and Mrs. C. L. Beardslee were callers on Mrs. Frank Rasmussen Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Acker who have been spending the summer with her daughter, Mrs. Finn Tutill have returned to their home in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Alchin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hoover.

Miss Ethel Brown was home over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fahn Hall were callers on Mr. and Mrs. George Hall Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Stevens entertained their cousin, Miss Hutley a few days last week.

The latest stunt in tree climbing was done in this vicinity by a Ford car last week Tuesday. Rev. Ellis may be able to tell something about it—no damage was done to the tree.

Orley Wood spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Alchin. The engine on which Orley was firing was laid off in Belding for repairs.

Mrs. W. L. Hoover who was taken seriously ill Monday is reported improving.

Mrs. Robert Wood was a caller at Mrs. Rasmussen's Monday.

GRATTAN

Miss Katherine Gannon, who has been real sick at the home of her parents the past week, is some better and expects to be able to return to her

school where she is teaching near Moseley in a few days.

Visitors at Noble Spencer's during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowman of Oakfield, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Spencer, Mrs. A. Wood and Mrs. H. Waller.

Claude Elkins returned home on Thursday night from the north where he had been hunting the past ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mason of Oakfield were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hessler Saturday night and Sunday.

Relatives and friends of Leroy Howard, a former Grattan boy, were very sorry to hear of his death which is reported to have occurred in a hospital in France where he went some time ago as secretary of the Knights of Columbus and as no one has seen his name in the official reports it is hoped that the report may prove to be unauthentic.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lessiter, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lessiter and children and Miss Kittie Lessiter of Belding were Sunday guests at the home of George Whitten in Harvard.

Miss Eloise Brooks spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brooks.

Mrs. Hollis Brooks is spending the week with her daughter, Mr. Harlie Weller and family.

Bruce Donovan, aged 30 months, passed away Sunday evening at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Donovan in Grand Rapids of pneumonia following an attack of flu.

The little fellow was brought to the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Donovan Tuesday forenoon by Undertaker Fred Vanderpool where the funeral took place at 1 o'clock. Rev. Ellis officiated and the little form was laid away in the Ashley cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. James Williams of Oakfield visited relatives here Monday.

There will be an Eastern Star social at the Masonic hall Nov. 30. A chicken pie dinner will be served. All cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Leatherman spent Saturday with friends in Dutton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Donovan and Mr. and Mrs. Don Donovan spent Thursday with relatives in Lansing.

Julie Oamer who has been home several days suffering with tonsillitis, is better and will soon be able to return to Grand Rapids to complete his time serving on jury there.



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